

BENTWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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CMINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday 4th April 2017, 7.30pm, Village School Jubilee Hall, Bentworth

Present:

Parish Councillors	Clerk	District & County Councillors	Others
Veronica Parker (Chair) Paul Mellish Abbie George Jane Costigan Jenny Lewis	Allison Spyer		7 Members of the public

ACTION
FOR

24.61 Apologies for absence:

David Hawes, Chris Hurley

24.62 Declarations of interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

24.63 District Cllr Update: Tony Costigan

- During the recent litter pick and sign washing procedure it was noticed that the old style signpost on the village green is rapidly deteriorating and is in need of urgent TLC. I have offered to contribute from my Councillor's grant for its refurbishment.
- There have been a number of complaints about high and wide hedges. I have been in contact with Highways who have agreed to send an engineer to examine a number of hedgerows which have been allowed to encroach into the highway over a period of time. I have identified particular pinch points and have agreed to meet the engineers with a view to exploring the options of having these hedges reduced back in both height and width.
- Finally I can confirm that the election for the new Leader and Deputy Leader is in progress and that I will notify all of my parishes once the voting is completed, who the new personnel are.

24.64 Meeting open to the public:

- JC informed the PC that the lorries at the Medstead site are backing out and obstructing the road and is a hazard. TC to have a word with site manager to see what can be done.
- Andrew Moir would like to see green on Holt End Lane re-instated to the edge of the tarmac before the dragons teeth go in. PC will bare this in mind.

TC

24.65 Minutes of the February & March PC Meeting:

The minutes of the February meeting were proposed by JC and seconded by JL. The minutes of the March meeting were proposed by JL and seconded by AG. Unanimous agreement from the rest of council for both sets.

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24.66 Matters Arising:

Neighbourhood Plan – Steering committee have sent out questionnaires to landowners about their willingness to have affordable housing. The forms are due in soon and will be analysed. There is a Steering committee meeting on the 27th April to discuss the result and the best site decided. Full update at the next PC meeting.

AS

24.67 Dog Waste:

After contacting several departments at EHDC, JL has a meeting with Sonia Reeve from the Environmental Health Department and they are meeting on site to see first-hand the amount of waste left in the hedgerows. Nothing else can be done until the meeting. Full update at the next PC meeting.

AS

24.68 Quote for 20 High Visibility Jackets:

PC approved AS to source quotes for 20 high vis jackets and litter picker sticks.

AS

24.69 Finance:

(a) Payments for approval

• Allison Spyer, Salary	£480.00
• Allison Spyer, Expenses	£14.64
• St Marys School, Jubilee Hall	£58.00
• Stella Strachan, Plants for pond	£470.04
• Halc, Subs	£233.00

Payments made in month:

All payments were proposed by JC and seconded by PM with unanimous agreement from the rest of the Council.

(b) Receipts:

• EHDC, Grant	£1000.00
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(c) FAG Update:

- Defib – AS to arrange training session with the British Heart Foundation
- New Gates – Have now been installed and look lovely
- Beige tarmac at the gates – Will be installed imminently
- Dragons Teeth Holt End Lane – Currently in talks with HCC
- Asset register – Is now complete. JC & VP having a walk around to check kissing gates
- Pond fence – Needs to be done now that grant has been received
- PB – need to agree wording and £1000 spent every two years. AS to include on the next agenda

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24.70 Village Appearance:

- Holt End Lane Green – Should PC install more dragons teeth to prevent more erosion? Before this can be done the ditches around the drains need to be dug out. Steve Woods has offered to do the work for free if the PC can hire a digger. JL has costed this at £85 plus transport costs. PC agreed to this JL to arrange with SW. As SW has offered to do the work free of charge the Parish Council would like to extend their thanks to him.

JL

24.71 Planning Committee Report:

29810/002, Thedden Farm, Wivelrod Road, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 4AT

Extension and alteration to existing barn to form a new dwelling, part demolition of existing building

No Objection

24.72 Councillors Report:

- **Environment, Pond & Open Spaces** – The plastic liner needs to be dug into the ground to cover it. Rob Hillary has quoted to do this and will include all the planting as well for a sum of £825 + VAT. AS to contact the probation team to see if this is a job that they could do. VP to send AS contact details and JL happy to meet the team to discuss.
- **Traffic & Highways** – AS to obtain from Derek Rawle a date whereby the drains might be cleaned out.
- **Young People & Families** – Nothing to report.
- **Website** – Nothing to report.
- **Broadband** – A second box has gone in on the green but VP has not been given any information despite repeated requests to HCC. TC offered to look into it further and get back to VP.
- **Village Green** - Nothing to report.
- **St Marys School** – The Easter service will be held this coming Thursday 6th April at 2.30 in st marys church, everyone is welcome. Red Nose Day raised £270.02. Ewe matter project- the sheep have been painted, each village/town is represented by a different sheep. Mrs Dumelow carefully transferred the children's designs onto the sheep. BBC radio solent team were present to record the event and a special show about the ewe matter project was on BBC solent radio early on Sunday morning. Curry and Quiz night is on 7th may, 7pm for 7.30 start. Tickets are £20 each or a table of 8 (entire team) £160 and includes food, bring your own drinks and glasses. Raffle prizes can be won on the night. Money raised will go between sunrise club and oak class. Once again please keep saving the active kids vouchers, they can be taken into the school office or to myself at the Sun Inn, I've already dropped off over 200 and have another pile ready to taken in. They really are appreciated as they are used to replenish the lunch time play and PE equipment.

AS/VP
JL

24.73 Other Reports:

- **Community Care** – Everything going very well with the care group
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – John Stockdale now circulating NW information

24.74 Correspondence:

- There has been no correspondence.

24.75 Cllrs Announcements:

- There were no Cllr announcements.

24.76 Meetings Forthcoming and Attended:

- None

24.77 Date of next Meeting:

Next meeting will be held on the 2nd of May and will be both the AGM followed by the APM. Start time for the evening will be slightly earlier at 7pm

VP thanked all members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.17

Signed Date